

We Can Help



Michigan Department of Human Services

The Michigan Department of Human Services administers an array of assistance programs for Michigan residents. From food assistance and child care to Medicaid and cash benefits, the department works with families in need of a helping hand as they chart a path to self-sufficiency.

The department is also responsible for child welfare in the state, including the safety and well-being of the approximately 14,000 children in foster care.

Providing a safety net for low-income individuals and families

We can help you and your family with temporary assistance, including:

- Cash
- Food
- Child Care
- Medical
- Heat & Utilities
- Energy & Weatherization
- Home Repairs
- Home Ownership
- Relocation
- Burial

Visit www.michigan.gov/mibridges to see if you're eligible, apply for assistance and manage your account.



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Protecting the vulnerable in Michigan

The DHS mission includes protection and services for vulnerable children and adults.

- Children's Protective Services
- Safe Delivery of Newborns
- Safe Sleep for Infants
- Juvenile Justice
- Adult Protective Services
- Adult Foster Care and Homes for the Aged
- Rehabilitation Services
- Independent Living Services
- Domestic Violence & Prevention Services

If you suspect abuse or neglect, call **855-444-3911** any time day or night. This toll-free phone number allows you to report abuse or neglect of any child or adult to the Michigan Department of Human Services.

Providing safe and loving homes to foster children

Approximately 14,000 Michigan children are in foster care at any given time. We need foster parents to keep these children safe and cared for until they can be returned to their family. In the event that they cannot be returned to their home, we need loving adoptive families to give them a place to call home.

Bringing Services into the Community - Pathways to Potential

Pathways to Potential is the department's commitment to bringing our services into the community where those in need can most easily access social workers. The first phase of this program launched in 2012 as DHS dedicated a social worker to each pilot elementary school in Detroit, Flint, Pontiac and Saginaw. By March of 2013, a DHS caseworker will be dedicated to every elementary school in these four core cities. These social workers will wrap around families to connect them not only with the services they need to ensure that their children attend school, but other services including employment help, food assistance and shelter. By locating where our clients can most easily connect with social workers, DHS can help with challenges before they become crises.

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